



File Code: 2360

Date: December 17, 2018

Honorable Glenda Nelson  
Chairwoman  
Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria  
2133 Monte Vista Ave.  
Oroville, CA 95966

Dear Chairwoman Nelson,

The Feather Falls trail was extensively damaged by winter storms in 2017. Also the water system, campground and toilet facilities have degraded over the years and need maintenance. The Feather River Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest proposes to perform road, parking lot, trailhead, and campground facility rehabilitation and trail reconstruction and maintenance for the Feather Falls National Recreation Trail.

The Forest knows that this area is of utmost importance to the tribe and as such we would like to consult with you on this project pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2) to invite your comments or express any concerns regarding this proposed undertaking.

The Plumas is considering performing the following actions in 2019.

- Reconstruction of the damaged trail.
- Perform asphalt treatment to extend the existing life of the surface of FS road 21N35Y, this road leads from Lumpkin Road to the Feather Falls Trail Parking lot.
- Perform asphalt treatment on and restripe the existing parking lot to accommodate approximately 10 additional vehicles;
- Add gravel to existing native surface overflow parking area to accommodate additional vehicles.
- Demolish the existing toilet building and decommission the vault.
- Replace demolished double vault toilet with new double and single vault toilets within the existing parking lot footprint.
- Remove the existing water system and tank (leave underground pipes in place and cut out stems and fixtures) and replace with hand pump at the existing well.
- Replace lumber in-kind, as needed and install new safety signage at the falls overlook.
- Construct an accessible day use area adjacent to the trailhead and parking lot, featuring a shade structure, picnic tables, grills, accessible travel ways, and trash receptacles.
- Treat broom infestation along road with herbicide and other applicable treatments.

There are ten known Native American sites located in or near the project area. They are nine bedrock milling (BRM) sites and one large village site. It should be noted that one of the nine BRM sites currently has an interpretive sign at it along the lower trail loop. All ten sites are located along the upper and lower trails leading to the falls.



If you require any additional information, please contact Jamie Moore, Feather River Ranger District Archaeologist at 530 532-7463 or email [jjmoore@usda.gov](mailto:jjmoore@usda.gov) or Daniel Elliott, Plumas National Forest Heritage Program Manager/ Forest Archaeologist at 530 283-7774 or email at [delliott01@usda.gov](mailto:delliott01@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D Brillen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID BRILLENZ  
District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District

Enclosure

cc. Reno Keoni Franklin, Tribal Historic Preservation Office - Estom Yumeka Tribe of  
Enterprise Rancheria



